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Place Bonaventure an artistic paradise

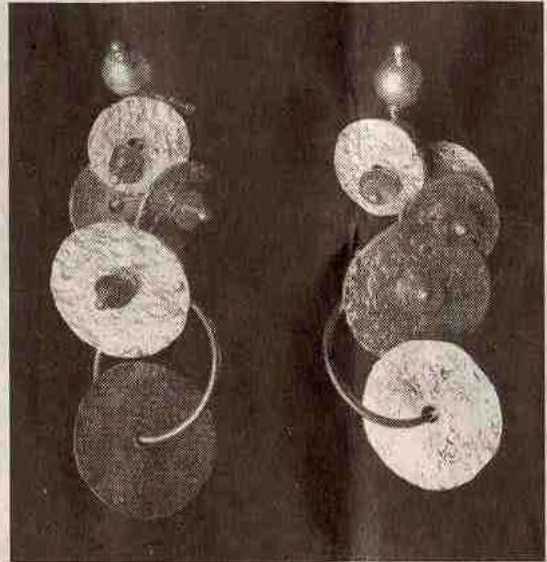
Salon des métiers d'art begins Friday

Food, fashion, decorative objects, furniture, soap, paper, pens, jewellery, toys – everything from the world of arts, crafts and beyond is on tap at the 54th Salon des métiers d'art du Québec at Place Bonaventure, opening Friday.

The annual pre-Christmas sale attracts 200,000 visitors to admire and buy the work of more than 400 artisans. Among them: Pierre Binette and his Art of Copper, Cluc Couture's edgy menswear, and Montreal's fine contemporary jewellery line Serafino, with works by Antonio Serafino and his wife, Annegret Morf, who describe their hammered discs of silver or



CLUC COUTURE



SERAFINO

A clip scarf by Cluc Couture and sterling-silver earrings from the Freevola collection by Serafino – two of the Salon des métiers d'art's 400-plus exhibitors.

gold, some set with coloured stones, as poems of light and change. And then there are adorable animal hats for kids from Zucchini, one of 56 new exhibitors this season.

Aside from shopping,

there are fashion shows, concerts, exhibitions and training sessions for artisans, talks and more.

Salon des métiers d'art du Québec is open Monday to Saturday from 11

a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., from Friday to Dec. 22 at Place Bonaventure. For more details, visit www.metiers-d-art.qc.ca/smaq.

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